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SUBJECT: PLANNED TELECON BETWEEN GENERAL MCAULIFFE AND DOMINICAN SECRETARY OF THE ARMED FORCES

1. QUOTED IN PARA 3 BELOW IS TEXT OF USCINCSO 062000Z TO CHUSMAAG SANTO DOMINGO, REPORTING DESIRE OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMED FORCES, GENERAL BEAUCHAMP, TO SPEAK WITH GENERAL MCAULIFFE AND GEN MCAULIFFE'S PLAN TO TELEPHONE GEN BEAUCHAMP ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9. EMBASSY URGES THAT GEN MCAULIFFE TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS ON BEAUCHAMP FULL COMMITMENT OF US MILITARY TO POSITION OF USG AS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER THAT INTERGRITY OF ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BE RESPECTED. RECOMMEND THAT GEN MCAULIFFE STRESS IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY USG TO UNIMPEDED COMPLETION OF ELECTORAL PROCESS BY DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORIAL AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS RESPECT FOR THE ELECTORAL OUTCOME BY THE DOMINICAN MILITARY. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT A VISIT BY A HIGH-RANKING US MILITARY OFFICER TO THE DR DURING THE PRESENT PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY WOULD BE OPPORTUNE.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, GEN BEAUCHAMP RECENTLY TOLD CHMAAG THAT THE DOMINICAN MILITARY WERE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE NEW PRD ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT A "SPECIALIST" FROM THE PENTAGON VISIT THE DR TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DANGER HERE TO BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT
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CARTER. GEN BEAUCHAMP WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WAS FULL COORDINATION OF THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COMPONENTS OF THE EMBASSY IN MAKING ASSESSMENTS OF THE SITUATION IN THE DR AND THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS REFLECTED THOSE OF THE US MILITARY.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF USCINCSO 062000Z: CONTRAALMIRANTE AMIAMA OF

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GEN BEAUCHAMP'S OFFICE CALLED USSOUTHCOM ON TUESDAYMORNING
(6 JUN) TO DETERMINE WHETER LTG MCAULIFFE WAS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK
WITH GEN BEAUCHAMP. WHEN ADM AMIAMA LEARNED THAT THE CINC WAS IN
WASHDC, HE INFORMED THE CINC'S AIDE THAT GEN BEAUCHAMP WANTED
LTG MCAULIFFE TO KNOW THAT THE SITUATION IN DOM REP WAS WELL
UNDER CONTROL; THAT EVERYTHING HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL IN THE
COUNTRY; AND THAT GEN BEAUCHAMP DESIRED TO SPEAK WITH LTG MCAULIFFE
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CINC MAKING A BRIEF STOP (JUST A
FEW HOURS) IN SANTO DOMINGO IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. UPON LEARNING
OF THE ABOVE, USCINCSO REQUESTED THATADM AMIAMA BE INFORMED THAT
DUE TO A VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE, HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO CALL GEN
BEAUCHAMP UNTIL FRIDAY, 9 JUN, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO THE CANAL
ZONE. THIS WAS DONE AND A CALL IS NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
FOR APPROX 1115 HOURS ON FRIDAY. REQUEST AMBASSADOR BE ADVISED.
WARM REGARDS. PROTECTIVE MARKING REMOVED 31 DEC 78. END TEXT.
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